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PROGRAMME

Sat. 9th. OUTING 9am. Trip to Bruny Island to look for the Porty spotted pardalote (Pardalotus quadragintus). Peter Brown will conduct the expedition.

The club welcomes John and Grace Pickmere, Jim and Mae Paterson, Nel Smit and Neil Blamey. We hope you will all enjoy your time with us!



-----TEN DAY HORSE TREK IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY!-----

Retrace the now disused Bedford Stock Route on horseback. Join Hederick Woodland who, under licence, trapped finches in Western Australia until recently and Sonia Tidemann who studies finches in Northern Australia. Aboriginal stockmen from the region will also accompany the trip. There will be ample time each day to explore the rugged scenic country of the Saw Range in the Kimberleys and to look for birds.

Date: June 12-22. ***** Cost: \$ 1,400.

For further information and bookings: KIMBERLEY PURSUITS, P.O. Box 9, Wyndham, W.A. 6740, ph: 091 611364.

**Dr Sonia Tidemann is an active member of the N.T. Field Naturalists Club and is an authority on Australian birdlife. The horse treks and bushwalks offered by Kimberley Pursuits are a wonderful way to experience the natural history of the region. Helen Davidson also has more information.

CLUB BADGES AND "TASMANIAN BIRDS" BOOKS.

Have you purchased one of the club's attractive green and gold "Platypus" badges yet? There are plenty available.

Copies of the excellent Tasmanian Birds pocket book are available as well. This book is great for the naturalist and makes a pleasing gift!

OUTSTANDING LIBRARY ITEMS!

Several members have overdue books and magazines from the club library. Please return these items as soon as possible for the benefit of all members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1988.

Membership is renewable every year on January 1st. Subscriptions for 1988 remain the same as 1987:

Adults	\$13.00
Families	\$16.00
Juniors	\$ 8.00
Pensioner	\$ 8.00
Health card	\$ 8.00
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Subscriptions to the magazine are \$8.00 to non-members and \$16.00 to Institutions or Libraries.

NEW LIFE MEMBER**

At the March A.G.M., Gilbert Van Munster was made a life member of the T.F.N. Club in recognition of his contributions to the club during 55 years of membership.

HISTORICAL NIGHT AND OUTING: FIELD NATS. REVISITED!

The club is planning to hold a historical meeting and outing where we look back at the old days and revisit a site from the first field trip. This will possibly be the Cascades area, but suggestions are welcome (ask Helen Davidson). It is hoped that we will be able to compare past activities with recent times and it should be interesting to see if the site we visit has altered over the years. Any memorabilia from the past or assistance in organising this event will be welcome. At present it is planned for October.

S.G.A.P. BICENTENNIAL SHOW.

The T.F.N.C. will be presenting a display at this years flowers of Australia exhibition to be held at the City Hall, Hobart on Nov. 9th and 10th. Volunteers are needed to set up and look after the display. Items for exhibition which relate to the clubs activities are also needed. A special outing may be arranged in late October to collect specimens for display. S.G.A.P. Gabbies, molluscs etc. Please contact Marjorie Wall if you can assist.

FUTURE SPEAKERS AND OUTINGS.

Committee members are busy preparing an interesting and varied programme of talks and outings for the rest of 1988. We hope that members will support the programme by attending as many as possible. Why not invite family? Friends?

A weekend at Duncart or Bruny Island has been proposed. Please let the secretary know if you would be interested in attending.

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